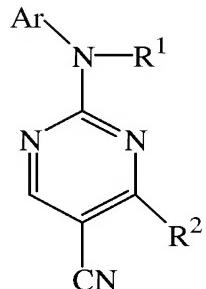


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (1):



(1)

wherein

Ar is an optionally substituted aromatic or heteroaromatic group;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain alkyl group;

R² is a -X¹-R³ group;

X¹ is a linker group selected from -C(O)-, -C(S)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -N(C₁₋₆ alkyl)-, -C(R⁷)₂-, -CON(R⁷)-, -OC(O)N(R⁷)-, -CSN(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)CO-, -N(R⁷)C(O)O-, -N(R⁷)CS-, -SON(R⁷)-, -SO₂N(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)SO₂-, -N(R⁷)CON(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)CSN(R⁷)-, -N(R⁷)SON(R⁷)-, and -N(R⁷)SO₂N(R⁷)-;

R⁷ is a hydrogen atom or C₁₋₆ alkyl group;

R³ is an optionally substituted aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, heteroaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, aromatic or heteroaromatic group;

~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates and N-oxides or a salt or N-oxide thereof.~~

2. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ is a hydrogen atom.

3-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Ar is a phenyl, pyridyl, indolyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl or benzoxazolyl group each substituted by one, two or three -R⁴ or -Alk(R⁴)_m substituents; in which R⁴ is a halogen atom, or an amino (-NH₂), substituted amino, nitro, cyano, hydroxyl (-OH), substituted hydroxyl, formyl, carboxyl (-CO₂H), esterified carboxyl, thiol (-SH), substituted thiol, -COR⁵ {where R⁵ is a Alk(R⁴)_m, aryl or heteroaryl group}, -CSR⁵, -SO₃H, -SO₂R⁵, -SO₂NH₂, -SO₂NHR⁵, -SO₂N[R⁵]₂, -SO₂N(R⁵)₂, -CONH₂, -CSNH₂, -CONHR⁵, -CSNHR⁵, -CON[R⁵]₂, -CON(R⁵)₂, -CSN[R⁵]₂, -CSN(R⁵)₂, -NHSO₂H, -NHSO₂R⁵, -N[SO₂R⁵]₂, -N(SO₂R⁵)₂, -NHSO₂NH₂, -NHSO₂NHR⁵, -NHSO₂N[R⁵]₂, -NHSO₂N(R⁵)₂, -NHCOR⁵, -NHCONH₂, -NHCONHR⁵, -NHCON[R⁵]₂, -NHCON(R⁵)₂, -NHCSR⁵, -NHC(O)OR⁵, or optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, hetero-cycloaliphatic, aryl or heteroaryl group;

R⁵ is a -Alk(R⁴)_m, aryl or heteroaryl group;

Alk is a straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkylene, C₂₋₆ alkenylene or C₂₋₆ alkynylene chain, optionally interrupted by one, two or three -O- or -S- atoms or groups selected from -S(O)-, -S(O)₂- or and -N(R⁶)- {where R⁶ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl group};

R⁶ is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain C₁₋₆ alkyl group; and m is zero or an integer 1, 2 or 3.

7. (original) A compound according to Claim 6 wherein Ar is a phenyl group substituted by one, two or three -R⁴ or -Alk(R⁴)_m substituents.

8. (currently amended) A compound according to any one of Claim 5 to Claim 7 claim 6 or claim 7 wherein at least one of -R⁴, and -Alk(R⁴)_m, -R^{4b} or -Alk(R^{4b})_m is a -X^{1a}(Alk^a)_pNR^{7a}R^{7b} {where X^{1a} is a direct bond or a linker atom or group, Alk^a is as defined for Alk, p is zero or an integer 1 and R^{7a} and R^{7b} which may be the same or different is each a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl group}, -X^{1a}(Alk^a)_pNHet¹ {where NHet¹ is an optionally substituted C₃₋₇ cyclic amino group optionally containing one or more O or S

atoms or $\text{N}(\text{R}^6)$ [where R^6 is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched chain C_{1-6} alkyl group] or $-\text{X}^{1a}(\text{Alk}^a)_p\text{Ar}^2$ group (where Ar^2 is a nitrogen containing heteroaromatic group); X^{1a} is a direct bond or a linker group selected from $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{S})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)-$, $-\text{C}(\text{R}^7)_2-$, $-\text{CON}(\text{R}^7)-$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R}^7)-$, $-\text{CSN}(\text{R}^7)-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)\text{CO}-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)\text{CS}-$, $-\text{SON}(\text{R}^7)-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{R}^7)-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)\text{SO}_2-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)\text{CON}(\text{R}^7)-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)\text{CSN}(\text{R}^7)-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)\text{SON}(\text{R}^7)-$, and $-\text{N}(\text{R}^7)\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{R}^7)-$;

Alk^a is a straight or branched C_{1-6} alkylene, C_{2-6} alkenylene or C_{2-6} alkynylene chain, optionally interrupted by one, two or three -O- or -S- atoms or groups selected from $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$ and $-\text{N}(\text{R}^6)-$;

p is zero or an integer 1;

R^{7a} and R^{7b} are each independently a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched C_{1-6} alkyl group;

$-\text{NHet}^1$ is an optionally substituted C_{3-7} cyclic amino group optionally containing one or more -O- or -S- atoms or $-\text{N}(\text{R}^6)$; and

Ar^2 is a nitrogen containing heteroaromatic group.

9-10. (canceled)

11. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.